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William Case wrote:

I tried Samba. That is what took up most of my day yesterday. I didn't mention it in my post because I got it so screwed up. To set it up as you suggest, what information do I need, keeping in mind that I do have the home network working for Windows. Normally I would just go to my manuals and experiment a bit. But I got to tell you, at the moment me and Linux are rapidly losing household points. I have only a few more times left that I can bounce her off her computer while I 'fix' the printer.

Oh dear. Wait until she's out? Ask if you can use her computer to check something on yours while she's out?

These are double checking questions. I am pretty sure I know the answers but I don't want to check twice: What is the NetBios name? Or, where do I find it in her WindowsXP?

The "computer name" --- you'll need the NetBIOS "workgroup" name, too. I think Samba will use your hostname as a default --- if you've called it the same thing (e.g. "william", and not "william-fedora" or "william-xp"), it should default to the right thing.

Can you see your computer from hers through "My Network Places"? Can you see global shares? Can you browse home directories?

These seem to be the important settings:

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[global]
workgroup = westexe
server string = James' computer
hosts allow = 192.168.0. 127.
printcap name = /etc/printcap
load printers = yes
cups options = raw
log file = /var/log/samba/%m.log
[homes]
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comment = Home Directories
browseable = no
writeable = yes
[printers]
comment = All Printers
path = /var/spool/samba
browseable = no
printable = yes
[data]
path = /media/data
writeable = yes
browseable = yes
valid users = emily
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Check the log files, too (/var/log/samba/*) -- they can be helpful.

Where would I check what the user
name and password are? I was hoping to use anonymous or guest.

Surely you either enter a username and password, or click on a picture with a name beside it when you boot up XP? That's the username. As for the password, if she doesn't have one, I *think* XP will remember passwords -- there may be a checkbox to tick. You may be able to use smbpasswd to set her a blank password. (Make sure this is well firewalled!)

Hope this helps,

James.

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E-mail: james@ | ...a probably apocryphal bilingual sign in darkest North
aprilcottage.co.uk | Wales. In English it says "70mph" and in Welsh "slow
| down, sharp bend ahead".

| -- Peter Corlett

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